

serves as a fitting tribute, but also reflects on Congressman Solomon's lifelong commitment to our Nation and to our Veterans.

A decorated Veteran in his own right, Congressman Solomon set an enduring example of commitment, integrity, and service. His career was one that truly made a difference in the lives of those he represented. Throughout his terms as a Congressman, he brought his vision for America to the House floor with many memorable speeches that helped shape the course of this Nation. This designation serves to memorialize that service, commitment, and leadership.

It is my hope that with the designation of this cemetery, the ideals he held so dear—pride, patriotism, civic responsibility, and volunteerism—will not be forgotten.

I will continue to work in Congress to carry on his fight for our Veterans and will be guided by the example he set as a Member. We are truly blessed to have known him, and truly fortunate to have the unique opportunity to carry on his proud tradition of advocacy and patriotism.

IN HONOR OF MATTHEW FOREMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EMPIRE STATE PRIDE AGENDA

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Matthew Foreman for his dedicated and talented leadership of the Empire State Pride Agenda (ESPA), New York's statewide lesbian and gay political organization. Under Matt's leadership, ESPA has made significant strides in empowering the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and protecting civil rights for all New Yorkers.

The Empire State Pride Agenda strives to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. They have worked to secure equality for gay men, lesbians and their families and communities and to promote their political, economic, cultural, and social well being. In the four years that Matt has served as Executive Director of ESPA, the organization has been a driving force in ensuring the rights of gay and lesbian New Yorkers: in negotiating New York City's comprehensive domestic partner law; passing a statewide hate crimes law; repealing a 150-year old consensual sodomy statute; obtaining nearly \$6 million in state funding for lesbian and gay health and human services; and in enacting local non-discrimination laws and policies in Buffalo, Ithaca, Nassau County, and Westchester County.

Prior to joining the Pride Agenda in 1997, Matt served as Executive Director of the NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, the nation's leading lesbian and gay crime victim assistance agency. He is a founder of the Heritage of Pride, which organizes New York City's Gay Pride events, including the world-famous annual Pride Parade down Fifth Avenue. He also served for many years on the board of Dignity/NY, an organization of lesbian and gay Roman Catholics. Those who have had the pleasure of working with Matt know of his tremendous energy and heartfelt dedication to his work. A man of unusual integrity

and drive, we New Yorkers—gay and straight alike—have each benefited from his leadership in the fight for equal rights and equal protection under the law. I am proud to have joined him in many of those fights, and I am pleased to stand here today to thank Matt for his tireless work. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Con. Res. 280. The suicide attacks over the past weekend have triggered the worst crisis in the Middle East since the outbreak of the Palestinian intifada 14 months ago. These attacks killed 26 Israelis and wounded at least 175. On a proportional basis, this is the equivalent of 1,200 American deaths and 8,000 wounded. The violence needs to stop. Israel is our most dependable and only democratic ally in the Middle East, and it is important that the United States stand steadfastly by Israel at this critical juncture to fight terror.

The United States is currently engaged militarily in Afghanistan in an effort to root out Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, which has been protected by the Taliban. In a very real sense, the Palestinian Authority is performing a similar role for Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Yasser Arafat must take all necessary measures to end the ongoing terror campaign. Mr. Arafat must now demonstrate by actions, not words, that he stands for peace.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation sends a strong message that the United States will stand by Israel to defeat terrorism. It is not about taking sides. Too many lives have senselessly been lost on both sides. However, Israel has a right to defend itself from terrorist attacks, just as the United States does. I hope that Mr. Arafat and the Palestinian leadership will immediately arrest, prosecute and jail those responsible for these acts while eliminating the infrastructure that produced them. Any hope for the peace process depends upon it. I urge my colleagues to support the resolution.

IN HONOR OF EDNA FULTON

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Edna Fulton in recognition of her outstanding service to the Bedford Stuyvesant community.

Edna Fulton is a lifelong resident of Brooklyn and a product of the New York City Public School System. She is the daughter of Beatrice Keyes, and the mother of three children, Willie, AyTasha and Darrell and the grandmother of E'lise, Chel'Si and Darrell Edward. She graduated from Eastern District High School and went on to attend Brooklyn Col-

lege and the College of New Rochelle. In 1972, she began her career with Citibank as a bank teller and over the years, with the support of family, friends, and her valued customers, was elevated to Branch Manager and to Assistant Vice-President, the position she retired from in 1998.

The walls of Edna's home are lined with many awards presented to her over the years as a testament to her concern, love, dedication, professionalism and hard work. Though many of the awards are corporate recognitions from Citibank saluting her for a job well done, the plaques and certificates from community based organizations acknowledging her service and support hold a special place in her heart. Over the past thirty years, her relationship with her customers and the community have allowed her to become known as dependable, reliable, and "ready, willing, and able" to assist, to serve, to counsel and to advise, always with a smile and a word of encouragement.

In 1999, Edna was approached by the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation to serve as the Bursar/Customer Service Representative for the various programs and services, to include the Youth Arts Academy, Abra ka Zebra Gift Shop and the RITE Center for computer training. Ms. Fulton loves being able to once again serve her beloved community of Bedford Stuyvesant. Edna also is a member of the St. Paul Community Church. As a working woman, and with all the "hats" she wears as a daughter, a mother, and a grandmother, she always makes time to serve and support the endeavors of her community.

Mr. Speaker, Edna Fulton has been a shining light in each of the many roles that she has filled. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving this recognition and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I was attending important business in my Congressional District yesterday, December 5th, including participating in the annual Chapman University Economic Forecast for Orange County and meeting with law enforcement personnel on the subject of terrorism preparedness.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes on Roll Call #469, yes on Roll Call #470, yes on Roll Call #471, yes on Roll Call #472, yes on Roll Call #473, yes on Roll Call #474, and yes on Roll Call #475.

INTRODUCTION OF H. CON. RES.—

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 6, 2001

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution condemning the over 500 anthrax hoaxes perpetrated against women's health care providers and abortion clinics since October 14th. This resolution also urges